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For: RESIN COATING METHOD (AS AMENDED)

**REQUEST TO WITHDRAW FINAL STATUS OF ACTION, AS PREMATURE, UNDER
MPEP 706.07(c)-(e); AND**

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 9, 2003

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Attention: Box AF

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 9, 2003, and having a period for response set to expire on April 9, 2003.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 12, as follows:

In order to perform the resin coating method according to the first embodiment of the present invention, the resin coating apparatus 10 described above additionally and further has a rotary plate (stage) 56 driven by a motor 54, a camera (imaging means) 58 for taking a photograph (i.e., an image) of the rotary plate 56; and a monitor 60 for looking at (i.e., examining) the image obtained by the camera 58. The monitor 60 is equipped with an image analyzer which produces digitized information from each picture element of the image and